

Rabbi Flays Science as Cause of Modern Disdain for Religion

"Men have been lured from religion by the dazzle and glamor of modern civilization," said abbi Israel Lebediger, in a sermon yesterday, the first day of the Jewish New Year, at the Moses Montiflore Hebrew Institute, 310 East Third street.

"Men think that because the modern age has produced so many inventions and made such progress in science, that they cannot and should not have their lives shaped and moulded by the Bible.

"They do not realize, however, that the Bible is not a text book of science, but of religion and morals, and that science cannot supplement the morals of the Bible.

"Science, without the control of morals, leads to ruin and disaster, as evidenced by the late war. It makes no difference to the Almighty whether we run our factories by steam or electricity, but it does make a difference whether we are running our factories for good purposes.

"The Jews are the martyred race of mankind. The Jew is now passing through the worst crisis in his history. Pogroms, persecutions and expulsions are the common lot of Jews in European countries. Anti-Semitism is spreading its virulent poison all over the world. But the Jew finds consolation in the fact that he suffers for an ideal, and is willing to make sacrifices for it—the ideal of monotheism."

Rabbi Lebediger will speak this morning, the second day of the New Year, on "Tragedies of Life."